

# Horse Country! at Night:

## Where the Hunt Begins

"Have they all left?" the bear asks.

"Gone," says the fox, brushing off his golden hunt coat. "I heard Marion lock the door. Let's get to it." The fox climbs aboard the bear, raises his horn to his lips, and blows "Moving off."

A hundred figures spring to life, each one eager to begin the nightly sport: hounds clad in scarlet, topiary foxes, bronze horses leaping stiff fences. Motionless by day, the hunting urge cannot be contained at night. The darkened interior of Horse Country Saddlery becomes a landscape filled with animated creatures merrily chasing each other from covert to covert.

Ceramic foxes dash along the jewelry cases, duck under men's ties, circle the boots, and go to ground among the breeches.

Then, exchanging roles, mounted foxes ride in pursuit of wooden hounds who trot along the bookshelves, make a figure eight under the Barbour jackets, foil their scent through the tack department, and succeed in losing their pursuers among the musty odors of the antiques.

On and on go the thrills until daylight began to break over Alexandria Pike. Before the key turns and another day begins, the players are back in their places. Except for that one hound figure who often fails to reach his appointed spot in time (there's one in every pack, isn't there?).

Marion still can't figure out how that hound shows up in the wrong place on so many mornings.

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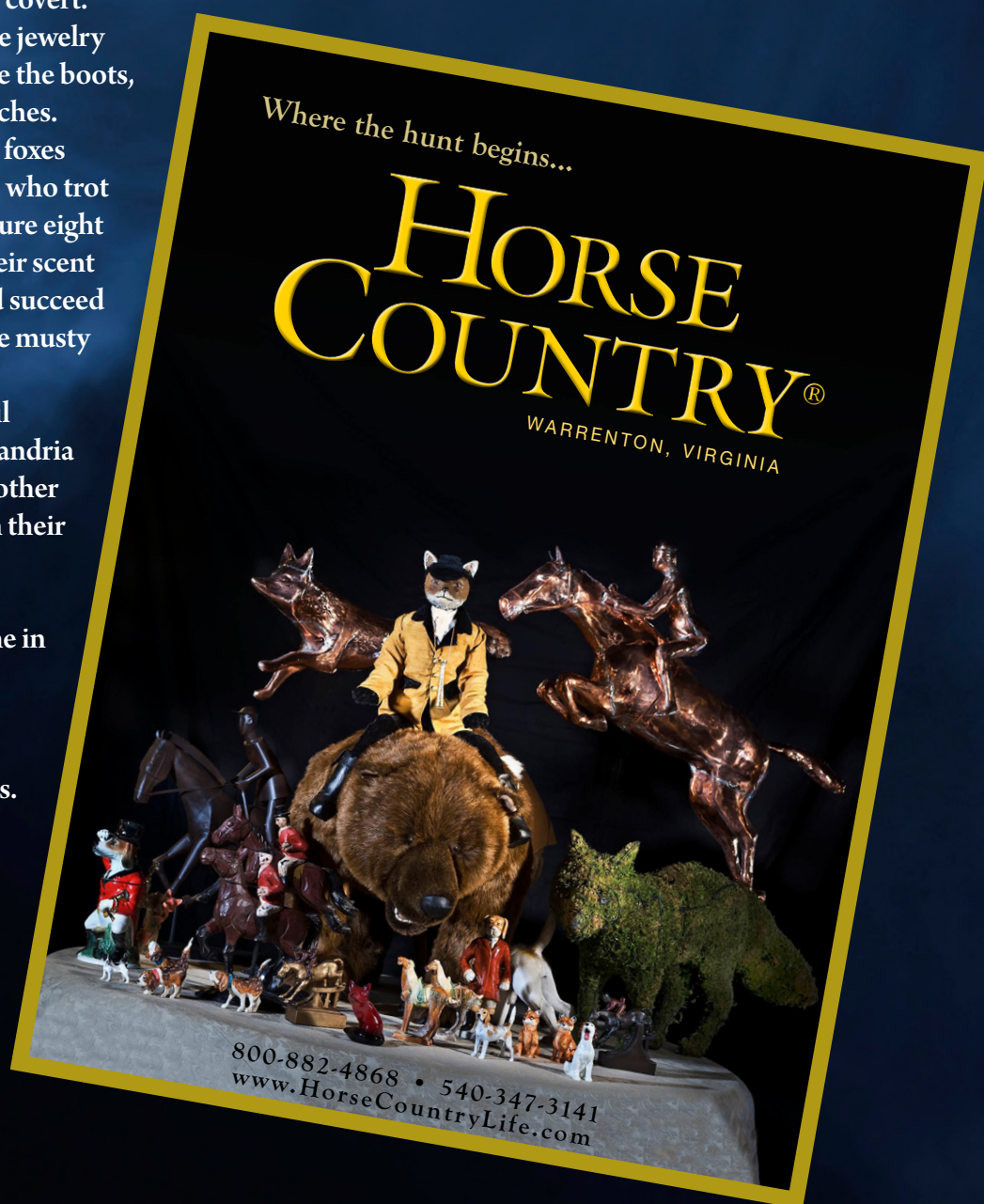
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